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Clean Up and Paint Up.

Every year, just at this time, it is customary to shout "Clean Up and Paint Up" from the housetops—so that all may hear it, and, hearing, take heed and obey the command, says one who believes that "Cleanliness is next to Godliness."

So far as the city is concerned, if we would have a healthful town, we must clean out attics, cellars, sheds, stables, as well as the yards, alleys, streets and vacant lots, and get rid of the accumulations of trash, dirt, junk, filth, garbage, rags, cans, bottles and weeds. We must empty toilets, dispose of manure heaps, drain barn lots, fill up mudholes and slimy, ill-smelling ponds, open gutters, repair streets and burn rubbish.

Then we must use soap and scrub brushes, brooms, rakes and shovels. We must throw lime freely about toilets and stables. Why? Because disease germs and germ-carrying insects, especially house flies and mosquitoes, breed in filth and spread typhoid and consumption when they enter our living rooms, alight on our food or bite us while we sleep.

And after the dirt is gone we should repair our buildings and fix our fences—and then lay on the paint! Paint everything that needs it, inside and out, for paint is the best known preservative and its brightening influence will make the dullest town in the world look spick and span.

Of course, when we buy paint and lime we put money into the paint dealers' and lime dealers' pockets. But, if we get sick and die, the doctor, druggist, undertaker, sexton and tombstone man takes our coin. Most folks would sooner spend theirs on paint and lime—take your choice.

Come on, now folks. Let's get on the job. The prize is worth the trying—health and happiness.

Miss Vollmer Entertains.

Miss Helen Vollmer entertained with a party Saturday night at her home in honor of Miss Fannie Mize, of Quicksand.

Those present were: Misses Fanny Mize, Adalene Hazelrigg, Hallie and Abbie Rogers, Ethel Duncan, Fanny Mae Shimpfessel, Lula Johnson, Elizabeth Park and Ruth Moore, of this city, and Ethel Kilburn, of Stanton. Messrs. Shelby Martin, Austin Johnson, Harry O'Rear, of this city, Morgan Lyle and Hendrie Wells, of Stanton, Earl Davis, of Paris and James Hendricks, of Middletown, Ohio.

School Census Taking Time.

This is the month to take the school census. The age limit has been dropped from 20 to 18 years, though we think ill advisedly. While it will make fewer pupils to pay on, the per capita will be increased, and the change will have but one effect that of keeping some children of the older age from school that should go.

New County Treasurer.

Mr. John W. Williams was elected Treasurer of Powell county at a recent meeting of the Fiscal Court. Mr. O. C. Atkinson had previously resigned. Mr. Williams is wholly responsible and will see that things are run right.

Third Liberty Loan.

The Third Liberty Loan is on, and as usual, the Clay City National Bank, in its inception, went Over the Top by subscribing \$30,000. The quota of this bank was \$27,500. In the previous sale the quota of this bank was \$21,450 and it subscribed \$35,000. The bank also subscribed \$35,000 to the first sale. In the three sales the bank each time passed its quota by a substantial per cent. The last purchase of \$30,000 makes \$100,000 in all for this bank which has \$25,000 capital. We pause to ask if there is a bank in the state that has purchased Liberty Bonds to equal four times its capital? We will go further and ask if there is a bank in the whole country that has done so well?

The bank's quick action entitles Clay City to "The Liberty Loan Honor Flag."

Government Wants Roads Used.

The Council of National Defense, Washington has addressed the State Highway Commission, Frankfort, Kentucky, the following:

"It is the patriotic duty of every state to further all means of transportation during this present great emergency. The following resolution covering transportation of merchandise over the highways has just been passed by the Council of National Defense and is sent you for your information."

"The Council of National Defense approves the widest possible use of the motor truck as a transportation agency, and requests the State Councils of Defense and other State authorities to take all necessary steps to facilitate such means to transportation, removing any regulations that tend to restrict and discourage such use."

Boys Car Load of Hogs.

J. W. Dawson was here Tuesday and bought a car of 132 hogs. He got 115 of them from J. T. Wright, of Vaughn's Mill. He paid 14 and 15 cents for them. Many persons were heard to remark that these hogs should not have gone out of the country. It is a pity, but feed for them could not be bought to pay to keep them until corn is made at the prices, and the necessary labor cannot be had to raise the spare corn for them. So there is nothing left to do but sell them while they are shotes, from 60 to 150 pounds.

Gets Nice Home.

A. T. Whitt has purchased the Orphans' Home property of about thirty acres for \$5,000.00 and will convert the same into a model farm. If he makes as much of a success at farming as he has at the banking business and selling Fords, he will be of great benefit to the county.

April Snow.

When the people of Clay City awoke Wednesday morning they found snow on the ground, and it still falling. The day was cold throughout as was all the other days of the week. It is feared that this cold weather will kill the fruit yet.

Chas. T. Mapel, of Irvine, was in the city Saturday.

Drilling Operations in Powell.

Near Stanton, in Powell county, J. H. Dugan, Atkinson and Braden will drill in their No. 3 John Williams, next week. Operations here have been handicapped by a crooked hole. No. 2 on this farm is showing for about 25 barrels. It has been plugged, prior to the completion of three other wells on the farm, for which a contract has already been let.

In the Pilot district, the Petroleum Exploration Company got a 40-barrel well at No. 20 Miller-Prewitt-Goff, Nos. 23, 24 and 103, pump, 40, 20 and 10 barrels, respectively. White Brothers and Huff, of Lexington, have drilled in Nos. 37, 51, 52, 54, 55, 56, and 57, John M. Ashley, and the wells are credited with 25, 25, 25, 25, 20, 10 and 10 barrels, respectively. The Cumberland Petroleum Company at No. 3 Weed Townsend, got a 75-barrel producer. Carl K. Dresser got a 5-barrel well at No. 16 E. M. Rogers. No. 17 was dry. The Henry Clay Oil Company's No. 9 Ludisa Sparks pumps 15 barrels. W. S. Raydure's No. 4 Green Kinser is rated at 10 barrels. The Ohio Valley Oil & Gas Company got one for 40 barrels at No. 4 R. Townsend. The Kentucky Petroleum Producing Company's No. 1 Alvin Lowry is credited with 5 barrels, as is the Barnett Oil & Gas Company's No. 19 James Aker, and the LaSalle Oil Company's No. 4 Samuel Rogers. The Wood Oil Company's Nos. 9, 10 and 11 Abbey McCoy are credited with 10 barrels each.—Oil World.

Prof. Ranson to Leave Us.

It is with regret that the Times records the fact that Prof. Neal A. Ranson will leave our city schools at the close of the present term to go to Hodgenville, Larue county where he has accepted the Superintendency of the city school at an advanced salary over what the Clay City school is paying him.

Prof. Ranson has had charge of our school here for two years and has managed it well. We all want him to stay with us, and the Prof. wants to stay, but it is merely a question of salary which the local board cannot meet because we have not the funds.

Effects of Bad Service.

The road election in Wolfe county to have taken place the last Saturday in March was not held because the ballots did not arrive in time. While the ballots only came from Louisville, the delay was sufficient. This is the experience we are all up against. It now takes twice as long as formerly, it seems, to get any kind of shipment to us when it comes from over any other line. Orders from Chicago now require at least 30 days to get returns whereas two weeks was formerly sufficient.

One Wanted from Powell.

There is a demand for one volunteer from this county to go to Indianapolis, Ind. to enter intensive training for an automobile ambulance driver for two months then to go to France. The only requirements are that the applicant has passed the 8th grade in grammar, and is not a farmer.

STANTON.

(By P. O. Derthick.)

J. S. Ewen and D. R. Clark were at Rosslyn Tuesday on business.

Mrs. Cora Gamboe made a business and pleasure trip to L. & E. Junction one day last week.

J. W. Feltner, of London, Ky., was here this past week in the interest of club work for the boys and girls of Stanton.

Master Marion Atkinson was in the hospital at Lexington the past week where he was operated on for tonsillitis. His father, Clarence Atkinson, reports him as doing fine.

Clarence Atkinson has piped gas from the well drilled on J. D. Atkinson's place to his home and is cooking with it. We hope enough gas can be found so we can all have it in our homes.

Dr. J. E. Lemming returned home Sunday night from Jacksonville, Florida. The Doctor spent the latter part of the winter in the sunny southland and says he had a fine time, and grew fat. It's interesting to hear him tell of the country and his visit.

These news items are being written from Pine Ridge, in Wolfe county, where the writer accompanied H. H. Harrison and James Feltner, of London, both Agricultural State Agents, who held a meeting Tuesday night in the Pine Ridge College building.

Rev. J. Keny Giffen accompanied by A. B. Hamilton, of Pennsylvania, are in Tennessee this week looking over some school buildings in view of the new dormitory to be built here. They will be gone over a week ending this trip with a visit to Berea College on the 13th.

Rev. Joe Kincaid, who has been preaching at the Christian Church, was taken with a hemorrhage at his home in St. Helens and ordered by his Doctor to seek a western climate for his health. So Bro. Kincaid has left for some place in the west and will not be able to preach here any more.

A second oil well was drilled in on John W. Williams' farm Saturday. It is reported to be a ten barrel well. The people of Stanton are quite excited over this new well, and well they might be. It looks as though Stanton is situated in the oil belt after all. Oil men are going to thoroughly test out the field and see what there is in it.

Jouett Boone left Tuesday for Louisville where he will try to enter the Aviation corp. One by one our fine young men are leaving for the battle fields and may God speed the day when this awful war will be over. But we must crush the foe that is a menace to the whole world. The world will never be safe till Germany has been thoroughly beaten and her militarism crushed to earth. The safety of the world lies with the great battle being fought, but we believe the victory will be on the side of the Allies.

Fiscal Court Meets.

The Fiscal Court met at Stanton Monday with all members present. Several claims were allowed, but not the usual number which bespeaks much for the new Court.

Clay City High School Purposed.

The County Board of Education met in Clay City Tuesday morning to investigate the possibility of securing a location for a County High School. The Board is very favorably impressed with the outlook in our town and we must land it. A number of sites have been mentioned but none selected. The citizens of the town will furnish the site even though they have to go down into their pockets and fish out the cash and buy it and donate it to the county.

Mr. J. M. Kennon offers to give as much land as is needed if the Board of Education can use any or all of his choice lots. This is very commendable of Mr. Kennon and if others who have land would make such generous offers we will get the school.

Boiler Explodes and Kills Three.

A boiler attached to a grist mill on White Oak creek, in Estill county, blew up Friday and killed two men, Cole Neal and Charles F. Masters, dead and injured half dozen more. Tom Crouch, owner of the mill, died Sunday from injuries sustained. Joe Puckett lies at the point of death and is probably dead by this time. The mill was blown some distance from its foundation. Every one at the mill was more or less injured.

Mr. Masters and Mr. Crouch are both well known to the editor to be fine men and good citizens. We also know their families and to them the Times extends our deepest sympathy in this sad hour of their bereavement.

An Enjoyable Occasion.

Mr. Harry O'Rear entertained a number of friends Monday night in honor of Miss Fannie Mize, of Quicksand. The evening was enjoyed by good music and refreshments.

Those present were: Misses Fannie Mize, Lula Johnson, Reese and Fannie Shimpfessel, Ruth Moore, Adalene Hazelrigg, Helen Vollmer and Ethel Duncan. Messrs. Austin M. Johnson, Philip K. Miller, Shelby C. Martin, Chas. H. Duncan and Lisle C. Hazelrigg.

To Abrogate Contract.

Harris & Myers, the contractors who did some road work last Spring on the Lulbegrud road, but quit before doing very much, have agreed to abrogate the contract so the Fiscal Court can relet the job to other parties. This is glad news to every citizen of the county who loves roads. While this firm is very capable, there were adversities in the county last year that held them up, and they did not seem to care to tackle it again.

Don't Glut the Market.

Don't glut the market with chickens, live or dressed, soon after May first when the Federal "closed season" on hens ends. This advice to farmers is given by the United States Department of Agriculture.

"Too many fowls on the market may result in food losses" says the department. Poultry stock should be sold gradually. Farmers will have better markets if they avoid glutting them.